

Amendments to Senate Rule 50-220 and Senate Rule Appendix

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Enrolled Copy of Senate Resolution No. 1 Bill No.

Senate Rule 50-220

Requested by Senator Art Wittich

For the Senate Rules Committee

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Amend Senate Rule 50-220 as follows:

S50-220. Call of the Senate. (1) ~~In the absence of a quorum, a~~ A majority of Senators present may compel the attendance of absent Senators by ordering a call of the Senate.

~~(2) If a quorum is present, five Senators may order a call of the Senate.~~

(3) (2) On a call of the Senate, a Senator who refuses to attend may be arrested by the Sergeant-at-Arms or any other person, as the majority of the Senators present direct. When the attendance of an absent Senator is secured and the Senate refuses to excuse the Senator's absence, the Senator may not be paid any expense payments while absent and is liable for the expenses incurred in procuring the Senator's attendance.

(4) (3) During a call of the Senate, all business must be suspended. After a call has been ordered, no motion is in order except a motion to adjourn or remove the call. The call may be removed by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the members present.

Amend Senate Rule Appendix as follows:

Appendix A

List of Questions Requiring Other Than a Majority Vote

The following questions require the vote specified:

~~(1) a call of the Senate with a quorum pursuant to S50-220(2) (five Senators);~~

~~(2) a motion to lift a call of the Senate pursuant to S50-220(4) (two-thirds of the members present);~~

(3) (1) a motion to amend or suspend rules pursuant to S60-10 (two-thirds);

(4) (2) a motion to override the Governor's veto pursuant to S50-250 and Article VI, section 10(3), of the Montana Constitution (two-thirds);

(5) (3) a motion to approve a bill to appropriate the principal of the coal trust fund pursuant to Article IX, section 5, of the Montana Constitution (three-fourths of each house);

(6) (4) a motion to approve a bill to appropriate highway revenue as described in Article VIII, section 6, of the Montana Constitution for purposes other than those described in that section (three-fifths of each house);

(7) (5) a motion to approve a bill proposing to amend the Montana Constitution pursuant to

Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana Constitution (two-thirds of the entire Legislature);
(8) (6) an appeal of the ruling of the presiding officer pursuant to S20-10 (one Senator, seconded by two other Senators);
(9) (7) a motion to approve a bill conferring immunity from suit as described in Article II, section 18, of the Montana Constitution (two-thirds);
(10) (8) a motion to approve a bill to appropriate the principal of the tobacco settlement trust fund pursuant to Article XII, section 4, of the Montana Constitution (two-thirds); and
(11) (9) a motion to appropriate the principal of the noxious weed management trust fund pursuant to Article IX, section 6, of the Montana Constitution (three-fourths).